

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**PIDCOCK**

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For: DIFFUSER FOR GAS TURBINE ENGINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

June 25, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
And Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter amended Claims 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12 as follows—

(amended) 5. A pre-diffuser according to claim 3 wherein a pathway for air is defined between the radially outer wall of the diffuser and the radially outer wall of the upstream portion of the central member, the respective radially outer walls converging in the downstream direction, for accelerating air flowing therebetween.

(amended) 6. A pre-diffuser according to claim 5, wherein a pathway for air is defined between the radially inner wall of the pre-diffuser and the radially inner wall of upstream portion of the central member, the respective radially inner walls converging in the downstream direction, for accelerating air flowing therebetween.